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In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to the previous report. Elsewhere, weekly prices were higher on all sizes. The market tone was steady to fully steady beginning the week. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to balanced for current needs. Breaking stock offerings ranged short to barely adequate for the quiet to moderate demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate to at times ample for the fair to good demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest delivered prices were higher for all sizes. Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to good. Food service movement was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to balanced for all sizes. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand and offerings were mostly quiet. Floor stocks closely balanced. Schedules varied. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	44-54	45-51
LARGE	43-53	44-47
MEDIUM	32-42	34-37

IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.		
LARGE	26-35	30
MEDIUM	15-21	19
SMALL	6-10	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady entering the week. Demand into all channels ranged moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to balanced for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were short to barely adequate for the usually moderate demand. Spent hens were fully adequate to at times ample for the fair to good demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	53-68	54-57
LARGE	47-61	52-56
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were higher for all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to at times fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to good. Food service movement was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to in balance. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand and offerings were mostly quiet. Floor stocks closely balanced. Schedules varied. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	55.5-64	57-60
LARGE	51.5-60	53-56
MEDIUM	39.5-48	41-44

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. The market tone was steady to fully steady beginning the week. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to balanced. Breaking stock offerings were short to barely sufficient for the mostly moderate demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate to at times ample for the fair to good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	50.25-59	53-56
LARGE	43.25-57	51-54
MEDIUM	31.25-46	39-43

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to the previous report. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady entering the week. Demand into all channels was mostly moderate to fairly good. Supplies were sufficient to balanced for trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	61-65
LARGE	59-63
MEDIUM	47-51

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	51-60	53-57
LARGE	50-59	51-53
MEDIUM	39-48	42-44

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices 7 cents higher on jumbo, 7-8 cents higher on extra large, 8-9 cents higher on large, and 7 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 3% higher than last Monday with California up 4% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 2%. Retailer demand moderate good. Offerings generally adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices 7 cents higher on jumbo and extra large, 9 cents higher on large, and 7 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 4% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 54. Ads in Northern California: major- large 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	104
EXTRA LARGE	97
LARGE	87
MEDIUM	74

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
	RANGE	RANGE
JUMBO	249-309	
EXTRA LARGE	219-289	NOT AVAILABLE
LARGE	199-219	
MEDIUM	179-189	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 29, 2005 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 22, 2005 were 203,819 cases which was 15 percent below the prior week and 2 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	166,629	37,190	203,819

% change from the prior week..... -18 +2 -15
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Demand and offerings were mostly quiet. Floor stocks closely balanced. Schedules varied from plant to plant. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	31-33	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-22	18-20
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-APR-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING 8.75-15.75 CENTS/LB.	11.75-13	12.55	
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were generally adequate for current needs. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-APR-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING 9.25-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11.5-13.5	12.67	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- April 25, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.7	14.8	6.6	11.5	11.2
	Change	-0.3	-0.1	-0.9	-1.2	-0.1
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.1	36.4	10.8	26.7	34.3
	Change	4.5	-1.8	0.0	2.0	-0.5
Large	Curr Wk	43.1	107.7	53.7	90.9	76.7
	Change	-1.9	-21.8	-3.8	-7.6	-1.1
Medium	Curr Wk	13.8	44.7	14.0	21.4	30.3
	Change	1.3	4.1	0.1	-2.1	1.9
Small	Curr Wk	3.5	6.5	2.9	6.2	6.0
	Change	-1.5	2.1	-0.4	3.2	1.6
Misc	Curr Wk	4.7	24.3	9.5	12.2	5.7
	Change	-0.3	-0.7	-0.9	1.3	-0.4
Ungraded	Curr Wk	23.8	44.9	13.4	37.2	27.8
	Change	1.5	10.9	-4.6	3.8	4.9
Total	Curr Wk	124.7	279.3	110.9	206.1	192.0
Percent	Change	3%	-3%	-9%	0%	3%
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change	Number of Cooperators	

Shell Egg	913.0	-1%	174
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	229.7	-1%	35

Total Shell Egg	1142.7	-1%	209
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1/ Information supplied by a universe of 174 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO ATL	PACIFIC	5-AREA SUMMARY
NORTHEAST	121.4	286.6	121.4	206.7	185.7
					921.8

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT

North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI

South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX

South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV

Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 11, 2005

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.86	1.83	1.74	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF APRIL 11, 2005 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.42	1.42	1.32	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APRIL 22, 2005

CURRENT LOADS							9.50		FUTURE LOADS							6.50		TOTAL LOADS							16.00	
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS								
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR BR 1	—	—	34.50	36.00	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	59.00	60.00	1.00											
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	.25	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	53.00	54.00	.50											
GL W XL	—	—	47.50	49.00	43.00	—	3.25	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	52.00	5.00											
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	40.00	—	6.00	GL W MD	31.00	—	—	—	—	35.00	1.00											
GL W MD	—	—	32.00	34.00	—	—	2.00																			

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/18/05-04/22/05

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
57.00								55.25								112.25							
SE			NE		MW			LOADS	SC			NW		SW									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W 1	29.67	37.00	28.00	31.57	—	27.00	16.00	GNR W 1	—	41.00	—	—	—	—	4.00								
GNR BR 1	—	33.00	34.50	36.00	—	—	2.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	59.00	58.63	2.00								
GL W J	—	—	50.50	52.00	44.00	46.00	3.25	GL W XL	—	42.00	—	—	53.00	57.13	5.00								
GL W XL	—	45.36	44.67	44.95	43.44	—	37.75	GL W LG	—	40.20	—	—	—	49.36	23.75								
GL W LG	—	44.50	35.50	39.20	39.34	—	40.25	GL W MD	30.67	38.00	—	—	—	37.63	8.00								
GL W MD	32.00	29.91	29.30	31.70	28.67	31.00	16.75	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	28.00	1.00								
GL W SM	25.75	28.75	23.33	25.00	21.50	22.50	6.00																
NRBS - 50	—	—	33.50	34.50	—	—	2.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	32.00	33.75	30.80	22.25																
NRBS - 42	—	—	25.00	26.00	—	29.00	7.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	28.50	2.00																
NRBS - 36	—	—	15.00	16.00	12.00	16.00	.75																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	04/18/05	04/11/05	04/19/04
PACIFIC COAST	220	246	260
LOS ANGELES	212	237	199

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on small size, higher on the balance of sizes. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is moderate.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	71.63
LARGE	67.63
MEDIUM	56.63
SMALL	45.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 4/20/2005

Report Period: 3/27/2005 - 4/02/2005

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	1,295	1,295
Arkansas	0	0	600	600
Colorado	0	0	2,381	2,381
Illinois	0	0	828	828
Iowa	6,862	1,560	34,602	43,024
Michigan	0	0	2,520	2,520
Minnesota	5,200	2,310	10,290	17,800
Missouri	0	0	2,460	2,460
Nevada	0	0	1,620	1,620
Ohio	0	0	3,360	3,360
Oregon	2,832	0	0	2,832
South Dakota	0	0	3,223	3,223
Texas	0	0	5,267	5,267
Utah	1,500	1,500	7,565	10,565
Washington	0	570	656	1,226
TOTAL	16,394	5,940	76,667	99,001
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	16,394	5,940	76,667	99,001

OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 4/22/2005

Report Period: 4/03/2005 - 4/09/2005

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	2,124	2,124
Arkansas	0	0	2,940	2,940
Colorado	0	0	4,413	4,413
Indiana	0	0	840	840
Iowa	3,720	2,500	48,708	54,928
Michigan	0	0	5,715	5,715
Minnesota	4,775	810	14,247	19,832
Missouri	0	0	4,104	4,104
Montana	0	0	790	790
Nevada	0	0	2,580	2,580
Ohio	0	0	3,180	3,180
Oregon	4,005	0	0	4,005
South Dakota	840	0	2,118	2,958
Tennessee	0	0	810	810
Texas	0	0	3,530	3,530
Utah	1,500	0	11,226	12,726
Washington	11	384	1,350	1,745
TOTAL	14,851	3,694	108,675	127,220
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	14,851	3,694	108,675	127,220